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THE Executors of the Will of the late Doctor STRATFORD, being left with a large diſcretionary Power in the Diſtribution of the Reſidue of his Effects, think they owe it to themſelves, and to the Public, to give an Account of the Execution of their Truſt.

AT the Time of his Death (in September 1753) his whole *perſonal* Eſtate amounted to the ſum of Fifteen thouſand three hundred and ſixty five Pounds;---his *real* conſiſted only of a ſmall Freehold Eſtate in Weſtmorland, of about the clear yearly value of Fourteen Pounds, which was ſpecifically deviſed.

By his Will, he bequeathed to his Relations, (none of whom were nearer than Couſins,) to his Friends and Acquaintance, as therein particularly mentioned, about three thouſand Pounds.

His Houſes in the Town of Northampton (his native Place) he had given in his Life-Time to his Relations; to whom alſo, as well as to many of his Acquaintance and Friends, he had been, on ſeveral occaſions, remarkably kind and beneficent.

By his Will, he likewiſe bequeathed the following ſpecific charitable Legacies, to wit.

	£.	s.	d.
TO the Charity School at Cheſter -	50	0	0
To the Poor of Lancaſter - -	100	0	0
To the Poor of Richmond in Yorkſhire -	100	0	0
To poor Clergymen, their Widows or Children within the Archdeaconry of Richmond - - - - - - - - - -	200	0	0
The like within the Archdeaconry of Cheſter	200	0	0
To buy good Books for the Poor within the Archdeaconry of Richmond - -	200	0	0
For the ſame Uſe in Cheſter Archdeaconry	100	0	0
To buy Books for the Uſe of the poor Curates in Richmond Archdeaconry -	100	0	0
To the Poor of the Town of Kendal - -	50	0	0
To the Poor of the City of Cheſter - -	100	0	0
To the Poor of the Town of Northampton	1000	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
To buy Books for the Poor of Northampton	50	0	0
To the Infirmary at Northampton - -	100	0	0
To the Charity School there - - - - -	100	0	0
To the Poor of Killington in Weſtmorland	20	0	0
To the Society for promoting Chriſtian Knowledge - - - - - - - - -	100	0	0
To the Society for propagating the Goſpel in Foreign Parts - - - - - - - -	100	0	0
To the London Hoſpital or Infirmary -	100	0	0
To the General Hoſpital at Bath - - -	100	0	0
To the Infirmary at Mancheſter - - -	100	0	0
To a County or General Hoſpital or Infirmary in the City of Cheſter, if eſtabliſhed within three years after his Death, (which was done) - - - - - - -	300	0	0

THESE amount in the whole to the ſum of Three thouſand two hundred and ſeventy Pounds.

AFTER Payment of the before mentioned Legacies, he directed the Reſidue of his perſonal eſtate to be laid out by his Executors, "in buying good Books to be diſpoſed of to proper Perſons within the Archdeaconry of Richmond or elſewhere, in relieving poor Houſe-keepers, putting out poor Children Apprentices, cloathing poor old People, and poor Boys and Girls, and in any public Charity or charitable Uſes which his Executors ſhould approve of."

As the Dioceſe of Cheſter, particularly that part of it called the Archdeaconry of Richmond (of which Dr. STRATFORD was Commiſſary) abounded in a remarkable manner with ſmall Livings; and the Proviſion for the inferior Clergy (many of them with numerous Families) was wretchedly poor and ſcanty;---And as Dr. STRATFORD in his Life-Time, was a great Promoter of the Augmentation of poor Cures, the Executors (after Payment of the ſpecific Legacies, and ſhewing a proper Regard to the ſeveral charitable Directions of the Will,) thought they could not more effectually anſwer the truly pious Intentions of their Teſtator, than by applying Part of ſuch Reſidue to this Purpoſe;---And by the Donations following, they have happily brought about the Augmentation of the under-mentioned Cures, to wit.

County of Weſtmorland.

		£.	s.	d.
Killington	in Kirkby Lonſdale Pariſh	200	0	0
Middleton		100	0	0
Natland		100	0	0
Kentmere		100	0	0
Old Hutton		100	0	0
Selſide	in Kendal Pariſh	100	0	0
Winſter		100	0	0
Burniſide		100	0	0
St. George's Chapel		200	0	0

Ambleſide

	£.	s.	d.
Ambleſide, in Graſsmere Pariſh - - -	100	0	0
Witherſlack, in Beethom Pariſh - - -	100	0	0
Croſscrake, in Heverſham Pariſh - - -	60	0	0

County of Cumberland.

LOweſwater, in the Pariſh of St. Bees -	100	0	0
Trinity Chapel in Whitehaven - -	200	0	0
Moreſby Rectory - - - - - - -	100	0	0

County of Lancaſter.

ELLEL in Cockeram Pariſh	100	0	0
Shireſhead in Cockeram Pariſh	100	0	0
Longridge, in Ribcheſter Pariſh - - -	100	0	0
Torver - - - - - - - - - - -	100	0	0
Coniſtone in Ulverſtone Pariſh - - -	100	0	0
Lowick - - - - - - - - - - -	200	0	0
Balderſtone, in Blackburn Pariſh, (after Mr. Hunter reſign'd it) - - - - - - -	100	0	0
Broughton in Furneſs - - - - - - -	100	0	0
Ruſland, in Coulton Pariſh - - - - -	100	0	0
Cop - - - in St. Michael's Pariſh	100	0	0
Woodplumpton in St. Michael's Pariſh	100	0	0
Flookburgh in Cartmel Pariſh	100	0	0
Lindale in Cartmel Pariſh	100	0	0
White Chapel in Kirkham Pariſh	100	0	0
Ribby with Wray in Kirkham Pariſh	100	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
Melling Vicarage	100	0	0
Euxton, in Leyland Parish	70	0	0
Garstang Chapel, in Garstang Parish	100	0	0
Pilling, in Garstang Parish	100	0	0
Caton in Lancaster Parish	200	0	0
St. John's in Lancaster	200	0	0
Longton, in Penwortham Parish	60	0	0
Silverdale, in Warton Parish	100	0	0
Tunstal Vicarage	100	0	0
Trinity Chapel, in Warrington	100	0	0
Royton, in Prestwich Parish	50	0	0
Peele or Piel Chapel, in Little Hulton	50	0	0
Dalton Vicarage	100	0	0
Seathwaite, in Kirkby Irelyth Parish	200	0	0

County of York.

Askrigg, in Aysgarth Parish	100	0	0
Hardrow, in Aysgarth Parish	100	0	0
Hawes, in Aysgarth Parish	100	0	0
Pickhill Vicarage	100	0	0
Arkendale, in Knaresbrough Parish	100	0	0
Ingleton, in the Parish of Bentham	100	0	0
Trinity Chapel, in Richmond	100	0	0
East-Witton Vicarage	100	0	0
Kirkby Ravensworth, impropriated Curacies	200	0	0
Downholme, impropriated Curacies	100	0	0
Rastrick in the Parish of Halifax	100	0	0

County of Cheſter.

	£.	s.	d.
OVER Vicarage - - - - - - -	200	0	0
St. Bridget's Rectory, in Cheſter -	200	0	0
Bidſton cum Ford, an impropriated Curacy	150	0	0

BESIDES what hath been thus appropriated by the Executors towards the Augmentation of ſmall Livings, they have, during the Execution of their Truſt, diſburſed the following ſums in other charitable uſes, as appears by Receipts, Vouchers, and Entries in their Account Books, to wit.

From October 1753 *to September* 11*th.* 1755.

FOR teaching poor Children to read -	26	9	7
For Books on religious Subjects given to the Poor - - - - - - - - - -	117	6	8
For Cloathing the Poor - - - - - -	20	4	6
To poor Houſekeepers and other Poor -	147	4	6
For putting out poor Apprentices - -	8	11	0
Towards building St. George's Chapel in Kendal - - - - - - - - - -	250	0	0
Towards building St. John's Chapel in Lancaſter - - - - - - - - - -	200	0	0
More to ditto - - - - - - - - -	12	12	0

Towards

	£.	s.	d.
Towards augmenting Singleton Chapel in Kirkham Pariſh, *being Dr. Stratford's Subſcription* - - - - - - - - - -	20	0	0
To the Society for promoting Chriſtian Knowledge, to be applied to the general Deſigns of the ſaid Society - - - -	50	0	0
£.	852	8	3

From September 11th. 1755 to September 11th. 1756.

FOR teaching poor Children to read and work - - - - - - - - -	27	9	5
For Books on religious Subjects bought for and given to the Poor - - - -	143	12	3
For Cloth and making Cloaths for Poor	31	3	7
For putting out poor Children Apprentices	34	8	0
More towards finiſhing Lancaſter Chapel	8	18	0
Towards purchaſing the ſmall Tythes of the Pariſh of Beethom in Order to ſettle the ſame for ever on the Vicar for the Time being - - - - - - - - -	40	0	0
More to Kendal Chapel - - - - -	50	0	0
For a Set of Communion Plate for ditto, Caſe and Carriage - - - - - -	11	7	0
To poor Houſe-keepers and other Poor -	175	5	6

For

	£.	s.	d.
For a Flat of Coals bought for and given to poor Houſe-keepers in Lancaſter -	21	1	6
£.	543	5	3

From September 11th. 1756 to September 11th. 1757.

FOR teaching poor Children to read &c.	32	2	1
For Books bought for and given to the Poor - - - - - - - - - - - -	142	8	0
For coarſe Cloth and cloathing Poor -	55	19	2
To poor Houſe-keepers, and other Poor -	188	2	2
For putting out poor Apprentices - -	15	4	6
Towards building a School-Houſe at Garſtang - - - - - - - - - - -	20	0	0
More towards finiſhing the Chapel at Lancaſter - - - - - - - - - - -	10	12	2
Subſcription towards buying Oatmeal for the Poor in Lancaſter, on Account of the *then* Scarcity - - - - - - -	21	0	0
For a Bell for Manſergh Chapel - - -	4	18	0
To the Priſoners in the North-gate Goal in Cheſter - - - - - - - - - -	5	5	0
Towards building a School-Houſe in Killington - - - - - - - - - - -	3	3	0

Towards

	£.	s.	d.
Towards building the Vicarage Houſe at Bolton by the Sands - - - - - - -	5	5	0
£.	503	19	1

From September 11th. 1757 to September 11th. 1758.

FOR teaching poor Children to read, write, &c. - - - - - - - - - -	39	6	6
For Books bought for and given to the Poor	228	11	9
For coarſe Cloth for cloathing Poor and making Cloaths - - - - - - - -	42	8	7
To poor Houſe-keepers and other Poor -	78	18	11
£.	389	5	9

From September 11th. 1758 to September 11th. 1759.

FOR teaching poor Children, as before	20	4	4
For Books bought and given to Poor	43	6	9
For cloathing poor People - - - - - -	12	15	10
To poor Houſe-keepers, and other Poor -	91	8	6
Towards compleating the Building of Kendal Chapel - - - - - - - - - -	100	0	0
£.	267	15	5

From

From September 11th. 1759 to September 11th. 1765.

	£.	s.	d.
FOR teaching poor Children to read, &c.	6	3	0
For Cloaths given to the Poor - -	6	17	9
For Books given to Do. - - - - - - -	44	4	3
To poor Houſe-keepers, and other Poor	131	4	4
A Benefaction towards augmenting Becconſal Chapel in Croſton Pariſh paid to the Rev'd Mr. Barker - - - - -	5	0	0
£.	193	9	4

FROM hence it appears, upon the whole, that the Executors of Dr. STRATFORD's Will have, in the Execution of their Truſt, expended the following Sums, to wit.

IN diſcharging the ſeveral ſpecific charitable Legacies bequeathed by the Will - - - - - - - - - - - -	3270	0	0
Towards the Augmentation of the poor Livings, before particularly mentioned - - - - - - - - -	6640	0	0
In Money laid out in buying Books on religious Subjects diſpoſed of to the Poor, relieving poor Houſe-keepers and other Poor, putting out poor Children			

	£.	s.	d.
dren Apprentices, cloathing poor old People, and poor Boys and Girls, teaching poor Children to read, &c. and other charitable Uſes - - -	2750	3	1
In Charities £.	12660	3	1
In the ſpecific Legacies bequeathed by the Will to the Teſtator's Relations, Friends and Acquaintance - - -	3000	0	0
Total £.	15660	3	1

As the Sum Total of the Diſburſements appears from this Account to exceed the original Inventory of Dr. STRATFORD's Effects, it is neceſſary to obſerve, that the above Surplus was occaſioned by the Intereſt which accrued from the ſeveral Mortgages, &c. before the principal Money due thereupon was diſcharged; for which, the Executors always exactly accounted as the ſame came to their Hands; and by means thereof they not only made this Addition to the charitable Legacies, but alſo were enabled to defray the Expences of obtaining a Decree or Order in Chancery, which was abſolutely neceſſary, and of other Proceedings in Law, to recover ſome of the Teſtator's Effects, the Charge of an elegant Monument done in London by Mr. ROUBILLIAC, the funeral Expences, and a variety of other

Articles

Articles attending the Execution of ſo great a Truſt, which in the whole amounted to a very conſiderable Sum;---but theſe Diſburſements are not here particularly mentioned, being no part of the Charities of the late Dr. STRATFORD, of which *only* this Narative was intended to contain a plain and faithful Account.

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